



Recording Engineer Vacancy

About the Marine Band

The "The President's Own" United States Marine Band is America's oldest musical organization, whose primary mission is to provide music for the President of the United States. Marine Band musicians perform frequently at the White House in small ensembles, chamber orchestra, concert band, and as soloists. The Marine Band performs for a wide variety of commitments, to include public concerts, recording sessions, touring, chamber music recitals, military ceremonies and state functions. Today's Marine Band is composed of 154 of the nation's finest musicians which includes a support staff such as Recording Engineers, Public Affairs Specialists, and Librarians. Those selected for "The President's Own" are exempt from recruit training and are appointed to the rank of Staff Sergeant/paygrade E-6 under a contract "for duty with the U.S. Marine Band only."

Position Qualifications

Typical responsibilities include recording audio and video for Marine Band concerts and recording projects, providing sound enhancement and reinforcement for Marine Band performances, editing and mastering audio, and editing video. In addition, the recording engineers share responsibility for the Marine Band's recording studio, to include the inventory and routine maintenance of all sound/recording equipment and the preservation of the Marine Band's recorded archive collections.

Applicants for this position should have a strong background in classical music and significant prior training and experience in the concepts, techniques, and technology involved in classical music recording, editing, and production, and providing sound reinforcement for a variety of music genres. Experience with Pyramix, Sequoia, or comparable multitrack, source/destination capable digital audio editing software strongly preferred. Experience with digital video editing and production software is preferred.

Enlistment Qualifications

Current regulations authorize enlistment between ages 17 and 28. Age waivers may be granted in some cases; however the maximum age for which waivers may be granted to those with no prior military service is 34. Applicants must also pass the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) and a complete physical examination, which includes complying with established height/weight standards both at the time of enlistment and throughout one's Marine Corps career.

United States citizenship and successful completion of an extensive background investigation are mandatory in order to obtain a Secret Security Clearance with Category III White House Access. Applicants holding dual citizenship will be required to renounce their foreign citizenship as a prerequisite to obtaining clearance. This clearance is a requirement for the assignment of the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 5511 - Member, U.S. Marine Band. Due to the length and scope of the security clearance process, it is initiated following the member's enlistment onto active duty. Failure to obtain and maintain this security clearance may result in administrative separation from the U.S. Marine Corps. To learn more, please visit www.marineband.marines.mil/CareerInformation.aspx

Application Process

Interested applicants should submit the following items no later than June 12, 2015:

- 1) A cover letter and resume listing education, past experience, and current employment, as well as phone numbers and email addresses for three references.
- 2) Two audio samples of one's recorded work, to include detailed information regarding the techniques, equipment, and recording environment in which they were produced. Samples will not be returned to applicants following the selection process.

All materials should be sent electronically using a cloud or web service.

Applicants will be contacted after the requested material has been received and reviewed by the Marine Band. Qualified applicants will take part in a phone interview which will take place in late June 2015. Competitive applicants will be notified by July 10, 2015 and invited to an interview that will take place mid August, 2015 at Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. Applicants are responsible for all of their own travel expenses. For further information, please contact:

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